

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed this Application in light of the Final Office Action mailed October 22, 2007. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10-12, 14-18, 21-22, and 25-32 were pending. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10-12, 14-18, 21-22, and 25-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 1, 10, 15, and 22 have been amended. Claims 2, 6, 8, 9, 13, 19-20 and 23-24 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10-12, 14-18, 21-22 and 25-32 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. In particular, the Examiner alleges that the phrase “without rebooting the system” is not described in Applicants’ Specification. Although Applicants do not agree, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 10, 15, and 22 to remove the phrase “without rebooting the system.”

Claims 1, 10, 15, and 22 have been amended to recite that the initial isolation and/or diagnostic operations and the repetition of the isolation and/or diagnostic operations are performed during the same BIOS utility session. Applicants’ understand these amended claims to be allowable based on the Examiner’s comments in paragraph 3 on Page 3 of the Final Office Action.

For at least the reasons above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of amended independent Claims 1, 10, 15, and 22, as well as all claims that depend from Claim 1.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

Applicants respectfully submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the amount of \$810.00 for the required filing fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal and authorize the Commissioner to charge \$810.00 to Deposit Account 50-2148 in order to effectuate this filing.

Applicants believe there are no other fees due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2689.

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